Currants are an easy to grow and vigorous fruiting shrub. Their berries offer a tart-sweet flavor and are packed with vitamin C! They come in a variety of colors from black, to red, pink, and white. They are perfect for a summer snack, or to preserve into jams, syrups, and more. They can easily be frozen to use throughout the seasons as well. Native currant varieties can be found across many continents, and with the efforts of plant breeders, we now have many delicious cultivars to choose from!

Site Selection

Most of our cultivars are cold hardy to USDA zones 3-8. In areas with hot summers, they should be planted in partial shade, but in more mild climates such as the PNW, they can be planted in full sun. Currants prefer rich, well-draining soil and can be fertilized with organic compost. Most can be planted about 3-4 feet apart, but black currants will need slightly more room, about 4-5 feet between plants.

Varietal Selection

Red, pink, and white currants (*Ribes sativum*) are all self-fertile and pink and white currants are often considered better for fresh eating due to their lower acidity. Black currants (*Ribes nigrum*) are widely grown in Northern Europe and valued for their especially high vitamin C content. Some black currant varieties are partially self-fertile, but most will have higher production when paired with another cultivar. Black currant leaves can also be dried and used for tea!

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